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WHY DON'T WE LOOK INTO THIS A BIT?
HM...
KUROKI ATTACKED A MAN FROM ASAMAI? WHY?
WHO KNOWS... I JUST THINK HE MAY BE HIDING INJURIES ON HIS HANDS FROM THE INCIDENT THAT DAY.
I SEE. I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE, THEN.
NO, NOT RIGHT NOW.
...
NOTH-ING AS OF NOW.
BY THE WAY... HAVE YOU FOUND ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE NAKADO FAMILY AND KUROKI?

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HEY, KUROKI-KUN.
HOW ARE YOU, CHIEF TSUKAMOTO?
IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT TRAGEDY LATELY... ARE YOU OKAY?
YES, SIR
SLEEPING ON IT HELPED A LITTLE.
I SEE...
WELL... SOMEONE FROM THE POLICE IS HERE AND THEY WANT TO TALK TO YOU... DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
HUH?
THE COPS? OH, CRAP!
JUMP!

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UNDER-STOOD. IS THIS ABOUT SUGAI-SAN?
MOST LIKE-LY.
SRAPE
YOU WERE HER MANAGER, AFTER ALL...
IT SEEMS THEY WANT TO SPEAK WITH YOU DIRECTLY.
YES, SIR... I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE, THEN.
IS THIS REALLY ABOUT ANNOUNCER SUGAI?
THEY DIDN'T FIND OUT ABOUT THAT, DID THEY...?

SORRY FOR INTER-RUPTING YOU AT WORK.
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I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOME-THING...
SO ANNOUNCER SUGAI COMMITTED SUICIDE...
JUST THE OTHER DAY...
AND YOU WERE HER MANAGER, IS THAT RIGHT?
PHEW
THAT'S RIGHT.
DID SHE SEEM OFF THAT DAY?
WELL...
NOT PAR-TICULARLY... I MEAN, SHE WAS ALWAYS HIGH-STRUNG...
I SEE.

Shibuya Police Station
Fujita
080-XXXX-

I GUESS THE POLICE HAVE THEIR SUSPICIONS TOO.
"IF ANY-THING COMES TO MIND, CALL US," HUH.

DO YOUR HANDS HURT?
UP
UP

BUT MAN, I WAS REALLY SWEAT-ING THERE.
MAYBE I'D HAVE SEEMED MORE NATURAL IF I'D TAKEN OFF MY GLOVES

OH, CHIEF YOSHIDA. THANK YOU FOR LAST NIGHT.
DID YOU HURT YOURSELF DURING KARATE TRAIN-ING?
YES, I WENT A LITTLE TOO FAR...
HMM... WELL KEEP IT IN MODERA-TION.
I HEAR THE POLICE CAME TO TALK TO YOU.
WAS IT ABOUT SUGAI? WOULD THEY NORMALLY GO AROUND INVESTI-GATING A SUICIDE?
IT WASN'T SO MUCH AN INVESTI-GATION...
AS JUST COVER-ING THEIR BASES.
IS THAT RIGHT?

I'M GLAD IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT.
HUH?
BUT WELL...
WHEN THE POLICE ASKED FOR YOU, I WAS WORRIED YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE OTHER INCIDENT...
SCRATCH SCRATCH
WHAT OTHER INCIDENT?
OH, I MEANT...
THE INCI-DENT WITH...
ONE OF THE PRODUCERS AT ASAMAI TV.

HUH?
HBA
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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PRODUCER?
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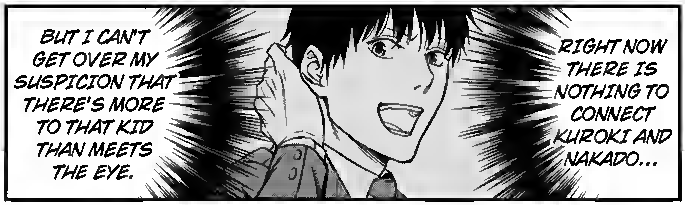
DOES HE KNOW SOMETHING?
SOMEONE PUNCHED HIM ONE NIGHT IN GINZA.
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME?
BECAUSE YOU HURT YOUR HANDS ON THE SAME DAY.
IT JUST CAME TO MIND, SO I SAID IT.
YOU AND YOUR BAD JOKES!
I'M GOING BACK TO WORK, SIR.

I CAN'T READ THAT MAN...
IT'S NOTHING BUT COLD SWEAT FOR ME TODAY!
AGE SURE IS GETTING TO THAT SLY OLD CEO AKATSUKI...
LEAVING INVESTI-GATING KUROKI TO ME!
HEH HEH ...
HE'S ALWAYS PRETENDED TO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT, BUT NAKADO'S DEATH HAS SMELLED FISHY EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT...
AND THE CEO IS AFRAID OF THE SHADOW OF NAKADO THAT HE SEES IN KUROKI...

AND THAT LEAVES ME WITH ONLY ONE HYPOTH-ESIS...
THAT NAKADO WAS MURDERED... AND THAT THE CEO WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THAT KILL.


BUT I CAN'T GET OVER MY SUSPICION THAT THERE'S MORE TO THAT KID THAN MEETS THE EYE.
RIGHT NOW THERE IS NOTHING TO CONNECT KUROKI AND NAKADO...

WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU, KOUTAROU KUROKI?
I'VE DOGGED YOU THIS FAR. IF YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING UNDER THAT SHEEP'S SKIN...
THEN SHOW IT ALREADY!
YOSHIDA IS A CAPABLE MAN, AND HE'S DRAWING NEAR TO KOUTAROU'S SECRET!